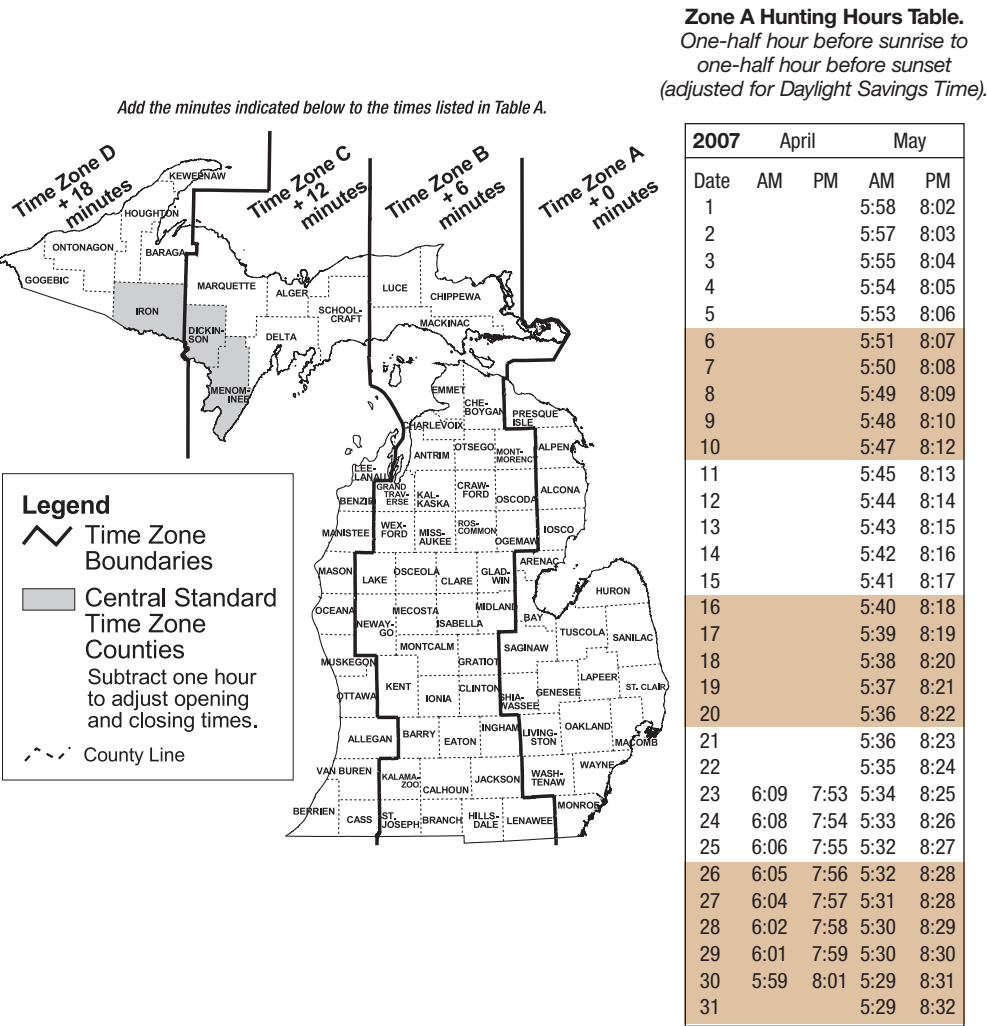


## Spring Turkey Hunting Hours

Below is a map of the 2007 hunting hour zones. Actual legal hunting hours (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour before sunset) for Zone A are printed below. To determine the opening (a.m.) or closing (p.m.) time for any day in another zone, add the minutes shown on the map for the zone to the time from the Zone A table.

The hunting hour listed in the table reflects Eastern Standard Time adjusted for Daylight Savings Time where appropriate. If you are hunting in **Dickinson, Iron or Menominee** counties (Central Standard Time), you must make an additional adjustment to the printed time by subtracting one hour.



## Report January Sightings of Wild Turkey

Hunters can assist DNR efforts to locate and count wild turkeys in Michigan by reporting any sightings of wild turkeys during January. This information, which is kept confidential, is used to better manage the turkey resource. You can make your report online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr), or you can contact a DNR office listed in this guide.

## 2007 Spring Workshop Dates

The DNR, Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association (MWTHA), National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) and other groups are cooperating to offer wild turkey hunter orientation courses. The training sessions are open to anyone and may include turkey hunting methods, calling, regulations and population status. A fee may be charged and space may be limited. For details, contact:

Jan 13	Midland-Valley Plaza Resort Michigan State Chapter, NWTF Steve Sharp (517) 866-8599	Mar. 31	Gaylord-Northland Sportsman's Club Traverse Bay Chapter, MWTHA Rick Riley (231) 549-2705
Mar. 13	Romulus-Wayne County Sportsmen Club Huron Valley Chapter, NWTF Ken Humphrey (734) 338-2309	Apr. 1	Waterford-Patterning workshop, Pontiac Lake Recreation Area Shooting Range Beard & Spurs Chapter, NWTF Brian Williams (248) 666-8525
Mar. 17	Grand Rapids-DeVos Place Grand Valley Chapter, NWTF Gary Salmon (616) 538-4934	Apr. 5	Dundee-7 PM workshop Cabela's River Raisin Chapter, NWTF John Smith (734) 529-4700
Mar. 24	Auburn Hills-Bass Pro Outdoor World Beard and Spurs Chapter, NWTF Ted Hundich (586) 979-9128	Apr. 6 & 7	Belding-Youth Event, Belding Sportsman's Club Flat River Chapter, NWTF Ron Hopkins (616) 794-3364
Mar. 24	Vicksburg-Vicksburg Middle School S.W. MI Longbeards Chapter, NWTF Gary VanDyke (269) 649-0384	Apr. 7	Dundee-AM and PM workshops Cabela's River Raisin Chapter, NWTF John Smith (734) 529-4700
Mar. 31	Baldwin-Baldwin High School Pere Marquette Chapter, MWTHA Jim Maturen (231) 832-2575	Apr. 7	Cheboygan Sportsman's Club NWTF Marty Sarraut (231) 627-6052
Mar. 31	Davison-Williams Gun Sight and Outfitters Flint River Chapter, NWTF Jim Miller (810) 736-1570		

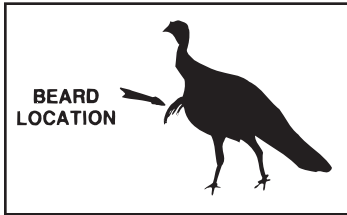
## Special Opportunities for Youth and Disabled Hunters at Fort Custer

In partnership with the DNR and NWTF, the Fort Custer Training Center near Battle Creek offers special turkey hunting opportunities for properly licensed youth in late April (Hunt No. 301). A mentor is available for each participant, and the program includes a workshop the day before the hunt. Special hunting opportunities also are available for properly licensed hunters with a disability during May (Hunt No. 234). For more information, please call (269)-731-6506 or e-mail: [jonathanedgerly@mi.ngb.army.mil](mailto:jonathanedgerly@mi.ngb.army.mil).

## General Rules

**Hunting Hours**—It is unlawful to take or attempt to take a turkey except from 1/2 hour before local sunrise to 1/2 hour before local sunset. See the hunting hours in this guide.

**Bag Limit**—One bearded turkey per licensed hunter. See diagram for beard location. It is unlawful to take or possess a turkey that does not have a beard, or tag a bird you did not kill. Turkeys may not be taken while they are in a tree.



**Hunting Methods**—Hunters may use a bow and arrow, a firearm that fires a fixed shotgun shell, or a muzzleloading shotgun for turkey hunting. It is illegal to use or carry afield any other firearm. The prohibition on carrying any other type of firearm does not apply to pistols carried under authority of a concealed pistol license or properly carried under authority of a specific exception from the requirement of a concealed pistol license. It is unlawful to use or carry any ammunition except shotgun shells loaded with No. 4 or smaller shot, or to use or carry loose shot larger than No. 4 for muzzleloading hunting. You may hunt turkeys from an elevated stand or tree using only a bow and arrow. The use of dogs or the use or possession of electronic devices that imitate wild turkey calls is illegal.

**Authority to Hunt**—A person shall not hunt wild turkeys in any area or during any hunt period other than the area and hunt period designated on their license.

**Validating Kills**—Immediately upon killing a turkey, a person shall validate their license by notching out the appropriate information as instructed on the license and securely attaching the license around a leg of the bird. A person shall not have in their possession or transport a turkey unless the validated license is attached to a leg of the bird.

**Baiting Prohibited**—It is unlawful to make use of bait to aid in the taking of a wild turkey. For the purpose of this regulation, “bait” means a substance composed of grain, fruit, vegetables or other food placed to lure or entice wild turkeys. This does not apply to standing farm crops (normal agricultural practices) or other natural growing grains, fruits or vegetables.

**License**—The license is not valid unless signed by the successful applicant. Licenses cannot be altered or transferred. It is unlawful to obtain or purchase more than one spring turkey hunting license.

**Decoys**—Mechanical, electronic or live decoys are prohibited. Mechanical decoy means any device that by design or construction uses motion as a visual stimulus to attract a wild turkey, except a wind sock or similar decoy body anchored at a fixed point into the ground and whose only motion is derived exclusively by power of the natural wind.

## Recreational Trespass

This law requires permission from the landowner or lease holder before you may hunt on any farmlands or connected woodlots or on any fenced or posted private lands and prohibits discharge of a firearm within the right-of-way of public roads adjacent to these lands without permission of the landowner.

## Wild Turkey Cooperator Patch

Michigan's wild turkey patch program is coordinated by the Michigan chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, in partnership with the DNR. Young hunters, ages 10-17, who have a valid wild turkey hunting license may receive a free patch. To receive a patch, please send name and complete address, along with a legible copy of the youth's valid wild turkey hunting license, to National Wild Turkey Federation, Wild Turkey Patch Program, P.O. Box 8, Orleans, MI 48865.

Adult hunters, collectors and other interested individuals may purchase the patch for \$5, including postage and handling. Only the current year patch is available for purchase. You do not have to harvest a turkey to purchase a patch. Send orders to the address above, and please make your check or money order payable to the National Wild Turkey Federation.

The NWTF is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of the American wild turkey and the preservation of the hunting tradition. Proceeds from patch sales are used to fund wild turkey-related projects in Michigan. Each year the NWTF, working cooperatively with the DNR, contributes more than \$300,000 to wild turkey and hunter-heritage programs in Michigan.

## Turkey Hunting Reporting Option

Turkey hunters we need your help. After your hunting season has ended, please report your hunting activity on the Internet by visiting the Hunting section or Wild Turkey page at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr). Participation in this program is important to the future of turkey hunting. Information you provide will improve management and ensure decisions regarding hunting seasons are based on the best information available.

**NOTICE:** This brochure is not a legal notice, nor a complete collection of hunting regulations and laws. It is a condensed guide issued for hunters' convenience. Copies of wildlife conservation orders can be obtained from our Web site, [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

## Spring Turkey Hunting Season

Hunters may apply for a limited quota license or purchase a Guaranteed Hunt Period (Hunt No. 234) license between January 1 and February 1 to participate in the spring turkey hunting season. Hunters who purchase a Guaranteed Hunt Period (Hunt No. 234) license during the application period will not be charged the \$4 application fee. Individuals who apply for the Guaranteed Hunt Period (Hunt No. 234) as their first choice will automatically be awarded that hunt. All participants may purchase one license. Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to purchase a leftover license or a Guaranteed Hunt Period (Hunt No. 234) license.

**Drawing results will be posted March 1 at [www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings). All applicants, except those who applied online, will be mailed a postcard by March 7.**

### Assistance

If you encounter problems with your spring wild turkey application, you can obtain assistance by calling 517-373-3904. All inquiries regarding your application must be made prior to Feb. 1. Following the drawing, you can call this number if you also need assistance with purchasing a license or if you have not received a notification card by March 7.

### Leftover Licenses

If any limited quota licenses remain after the drawing, unsuccessful applicants may purchase one leftover license in person at any license dealer on a first-come, first-served basis for a one-week period beginning March 8 at 10 a.m. EDT. Any licenses that remain as of March 15 at 10 a.m. EDT also will be available for purchase over the counter by individuals who did not apply for a spring turkey license. These licenses will be sold until the quota is met. It is unlawful to purchase more than one spring turkey hunting license.

### Apprentice Hunting License

A person who does not have a hunter safety certificate may purchase an apprentice hunting license. Apprentice hunters may purchase this license for two license years before they must successfully complete a hunter safety course. The apprentice license is available to residents and nonresidents. Apprentice hunters under age 17, when afield, must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone 21 or older designated by their parent or guardian. This individual must possess a valid, regular hunting license to hunt the same game as the apprentice hunter. “Accompanied by” requires the adult to be able to come to the immediate aid of the other person and staying within a distance from the other person that permits uninterrupted, unaided visual and verbal contact. Apprentice hunters 17 and older, when afield, must be accompanied by someone 21 or older, who possesses a valid, regular hunting license to hunt the same game as the apprentice hunter. **A person may accompany no more than two apprentice hunters while hunting.**

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the State's natural resources for current and future generations.

The Natural Resources Commission is the governing body for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In providing a strategic framework for the DNR to effectively manage the state's resources, the NRC works closely with a broad cross-section of constituencies to establish and continuously improve natural resources management policy.

## Department of Natural Resources Directory

**WILDLIFE • P.O. BOX 30444 • LANSING MI 48909-7944 • 517-373-1263**

**[www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)**

**Violations (RAP): 800-292-7800**

The DNR Operations Service Centers listed below are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga 427 US-41 North Baraga, MI 49908 906-353-6651	Southfield 26000 W. Eight Mile Road Southfield, MI 48034 248-359-9040	Plainwell 621 N. 10th St. Plainwell, MI 49080 269-685-6851
Bay City 503 N. Euclid Ave., Suite 1 Bay City, MI 48706 989-684-9141	Marquette 1990 US-41 South Marquette, MI 49855 906-228-6561	Roscommon 1-75 & M-18 South 8717 N. Roscommon Rd. Roscommon, MI 48653 989-275-5151
Cadillac 8015 Mackinaw Trail Cadillac, MI 49601 231-775-9727	Newberry 5100 M-123 Newberry, MI 49868 906-293-5131	Rose Lake* 8562 E. Stoll Rd. East Lansing, MI 48823 517-641-4903 *This is a field office
Gaylord 1732 W. M-32 Gaylord, MI 49735 989-732-3541		

**Thank you for purchasing a Michigan hunting license. Your hunting license dollars help restore and improve habitats for wildlife species, advance research on wildlife and wildlife-borne diseases, foster programs that help ensure access for public hunting, support hunter safety education and much more. We encourage you to keep hunting and to share your experiences with others. In doing so, you can do your part to keep our state's hunting heritage alive for future generations.**



The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$150 million.

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## Application Information

### Locations

- You may apply:
  - At any authorized license dealer
  - At DNR Operations Service Centers
  - Online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

### Requirements

- It costs \$4 to apply.
- To apply, you will need one of the following forms of identification:
  - Valid Michigan driver license
  - State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State)
  - DNR Sportcard (issued through license dealers or DNR Web site)
- It is critical that you keep your mailing address up to date with the Secretary of State.
- You must be at least 10 years old by the time a license is purchased.

### Applicant Responsibilities

- When you apply, you are responsible for:
  - Submitting a single application. Applicants who apply more than once, falsify information, or apply with more than one party member will be ineligible for the drawing.
  - Ensuring that no more than two applicants apply as a party. The first applicant of each partnership will supply the hunt area choice and receive a “partnership identification” number. The other partner will need this ID number when applying to complete the partnership.
  - Checking that your information was correctly entered by the agent. An incorrect customer ID will cause you to become ineligible for a license.
  - Ensuring that you receive a DNR receipt. The DNR receipt clearly states your customer ID. **Do not accept a DNR receipt that is not legible.**
  - Retaining your DNR receipt as proof that you applied.

**IMPORTANT: It is your responsibility to check your application receipt for accuracy.**

### Successful Applicants

- You may purchase your hunting license from any license dealer or online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr). It is unlawful to obtain or purchase more than one spring turkey hunting license.
- All licenses must be signed to be valid. Your signature on the license certifies that you meet applicable residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase a Michigan hunting license.
- Make sure the information on your license is accurate.
- Licenses may not be altered or transferred.

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### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Some hunt units have been expanded or eliminated
- No more than two applicants may apply as a party
- It is unlawful to obtain or purchase more than one spring turkey hunting license
- Report your hunting activity online

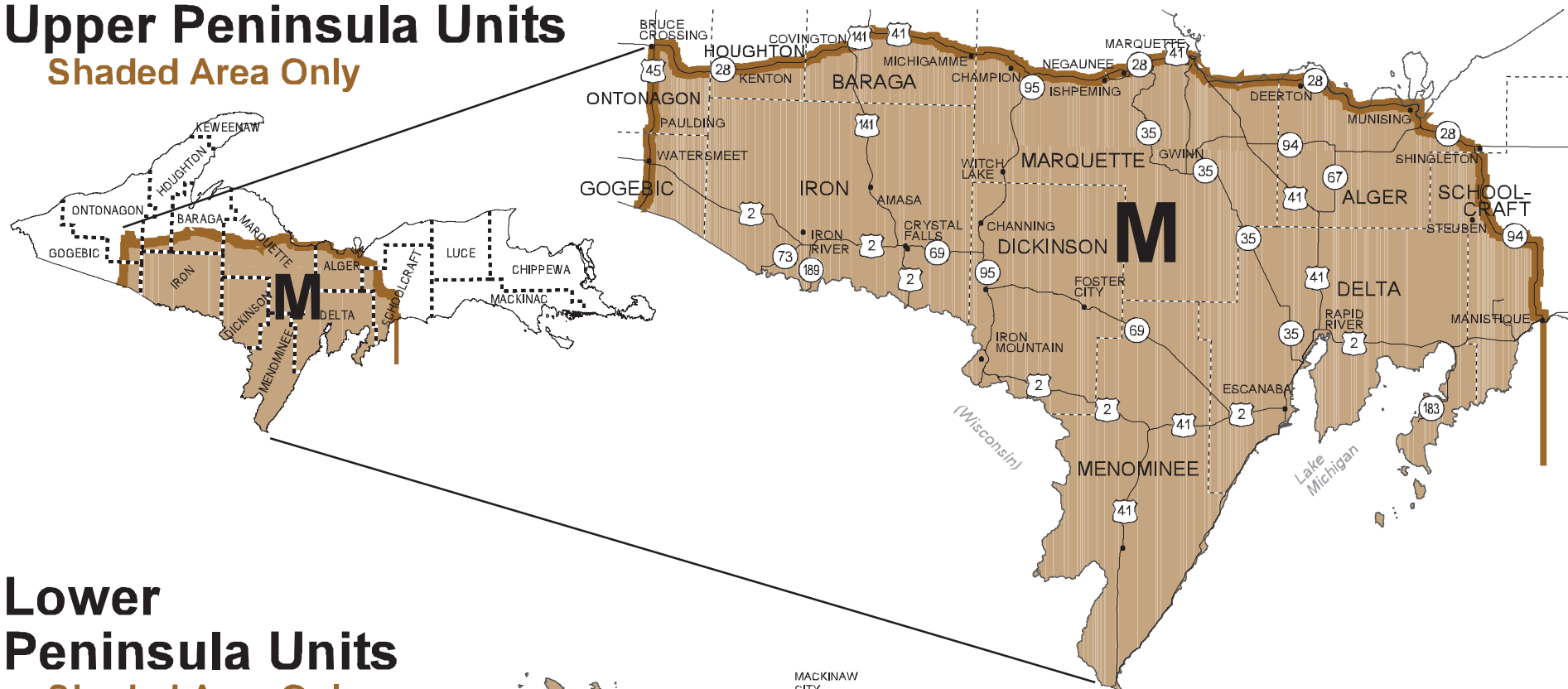


# Spring 2007 Turkey Hunting Units

## General Limited Quota Hunt Units

### Upper Peninsula Units

Shaded Area Only



### Lower Peninsula Units

Shaded Area Only

NOTE: For detailed descriptions of hunt unit boundaries, contact a DNR Operations Service Center, or go to [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

### Unit ZZ

(Unit is area below the black dotted line, and includes all units with letter "Z" prefix. See other section in this guide for details.)

**Legend**

- Turkey Hunt Unit Boundaries
- Open in Season
- Closed in Season (Areas not shown on map are closed)
- County Boundary Line
- Major Roads, Highways

### There Are Three Hunting Options:

#### 1 General Limited Quota Hunt Periods

Includes both public and private land. See map at left and chart below.

#### 2 Private Land Limited Quota Hunt

Includes private land only in Unit ZZ. See map and details below.

#### 3 Guaranteed Hunt Period

Includes all open areas, except public lands in Unit ZZ (southern Michigan). This hunt may be purchased during the application period, or it can be selected as a second choice. See details at right.

### 1 General Limited Quota Hunt Periods

Includes both public and private land

The general licenses listed below are valid on all land within the unit.

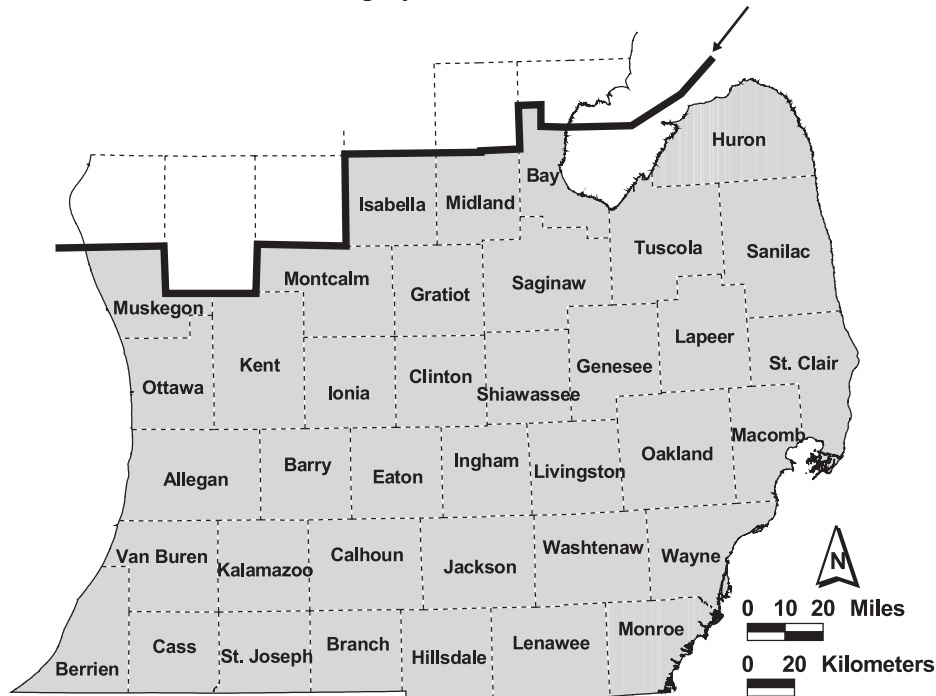
HUNT NUMBERS	OPEN UNIT	OPEN SEASON	MAXIMUM LICENSE QUOTA**
0101	A	April 23-May 6	2,500
0102	AA	April 23-April 29	700
0103	AA	April 30-May 6	700
0104	B	April 23-May 6	2,200
0105	E	April 23-April 29	850
0106	E	April 30-May 6	850
0107	F	April 23-April 29	2,500
0108	F	April 30-May 6	2,500
0109	J	April 23-April 29	2,000
0110	J	April 30-May 6	2,000
0111	K	April 23-April 29	4,000
0112	K	April 30-May 6	4,500
0113	M	April 23-May 31	12,000
0114	ZA	April 23-April 29	1,200
0115	ZA	April 30-May 6	1,200
0116	ZA	May 7-May 13	1,200
0117	ZA	May 14-May 31	1,200
0118	ZB	April 23-April 29	400
0119	ZB	April 30-May 6	450
0120	ZB	May 7-May 13	450
0121	ZB	May 14-May 31	450
0122	ZC	April 23-April 29	450
0123	ZC	April 30-May 6	500
0124	ZC	May 7-May 13	500
0125	ZC	May 14-May 31	500
0126	ZD	April 23-April 29	10
0127	ZD	April 30-May 6	10
0128	ZD	May 7-May 13	10
0129	ZD	May 14-May 31	10
0130	ZE	April 23-April 29	500
0131	ZE	April 30-May 6	500
0132	ZE	May 7-May 13	500
0133	ZE	May 14-May 31	500
0134	ZF	April 23-April 29	1,300
0135	ZF	April 30-May 6	1,300
0136	ZF	May 7-May 31	3,000

\*\*Quotas may be adjusted based on winter population surveys.

### 2 Private Land Limited Quota Hunt

#### Southern Lower Peninsula Wild Turkey Management Unit (Unit ZZ)

Unit ZZ means all counties and portions of those counties that are shaded gray and south of this black line.



Includes private land only

The private land licenses listed below are not valid on county, state, or federal lands, except Hunt No. 301 (Unit ZZ) may be used to hunt Fort Custer military lands with permission. You are encouraged to have permission to hunt private lands before applying for one of these licenses.

HUNT NUMBERS	OPEN UNIT	OPEN SEASON	MAXIMUM LICENSE QUOTA
0301	ZZ	April 23-May 6	65,000***

\*\*\*Quota may be adjusted based on application rate.

### 3 Guaranteed Hunt Period

A license for the Guaranteed Hunt Period is valid for all open areas, except public lands in the Southern Lower Peninsula Wild Turkey Management Unit (Unit ZZ). Applicants for Hunt No. 234 or persons who purchase this hunt over the counter (Jan. 1 - Feb. 1) may hunt Fort Custer military lands with permission.

HUNT NUMBER	HUNT UNIT	OPEN SEASON
0234	All Spring Units*	May 7-May 31

\*Except public lands in Unit ZZ. A license for the Guaranteed Hunt Period is valid to hunt Fort Custer military lands with permission.

All applicants who apply for Hunt No. 234 as their first or second choice are guaranteed a hunting license. Hunters who purchase a license for this hunt during the application period will not be charged an application fee.

**NOTE: Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to purchase a license for the Guaranteed Hunt Period or one leftover license.**

### How to Apply

- Look at the map and choose a hunt unit.
- Find the hunt number for the hunt unit you chose. You may make two choices.
- Complete worksheet.
- Apply at a license agent, or online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)
- It is unlawful to apply more than once.
- Check your receipt. Retain receipt as proof of application.

### Application Worksheet

The license agent will ask for the following information when applying:

- Your birth date? \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_
- Customer ID number? Michigan Driver License, state of Michigan ID Card, or DNR Sportcard
- Application item type? 165 Spring Turkey Application
- Joining existing party? No, if applying by yourself or you are the first person in a party to apply; (Go to item 6). Yes, if joining a partner (Go to item 5).
- Party ID number? (\_\_\_\_\_) (Same number as printed on your partner's receipt; none, if applying by yourself)
- Hunt Number \_\_\_\_ First choice - **enter last 3 digits** (See table for hunt numbers) \_\_\_\_ Second choice (optional)

**Note:** You must get a new party ID number each year, even if you apply for the same hunt number and have the same partner.

### Spring Turkey License Costs

Item No.	Name	Cost
165	Spring Turkey Application	\$4.00
166	Spring Turkey Resident License	\$15.00
167	Spring Turkey Senior License	\$6.00
168	Spring Turkey Nonresident License*	\$69.00
266	Leftover Spring Turkey Resident License	\$15.00
267	Leftover Spring Turkey Senior License	\$6.00
268	Leftover Spring Turkey Nonresident License	\$69.00
366	OTC Spring Turkey Resident License Guaranteed Hunt No. 234	\$15.00
367	OTC Spring Turkey Senior License Guaranteed Hunt No. 234	\$6.00
368	OTC Spring Turkey Nonresident License Guaranteed Hunt No. 234	\$69.00
611	Apprentice Spring Turkey Resident License	\$15.00
612	Apprentice Spring Turkey Senior License	\$6.00
613	Apprentice Spring Turkey Nonresident License*	\$69.00
614	Apprentice OTC Spring Turkey Resident License Guaranteed Hunt No. 234	\$15.00
615	Apprentice OTC Spring Turkey Senior License Guaranteed Hunt No. 234	\$6.00
616	Apprentice OTC Spring Turkey Nonresident License Guaranteed Hunt No. 234	\$69.00
617	Apprentice Leftover Spring Turkey Resident License	\$15.00
618	Apprentice Leftover Spring Turkey Senior License	\$6.00
619	Apprentice Leftover Spring Turkey Nonresident License	\$69.00

\*Nonresidents under age 17 may purchase a resident license.

OTC = Over the counter. These licenses may not be purchased after February 1.

If you have any questions, contact 517-373-1204.

**It is unlawful to obtain or purchase more than one spring turkey hunting license.**

### Poachers Beware: Hunters are Watching

Violations of turkey hunting regulations, including application violations, are misdemeanors. Misdemeanors shall be punishable by 5 to 90 days imprisonment, and \$200 to \$1,000 fines, and license revocation for up to three years. Reimbursement to the state for unlawful taking of a wild turkey is \$1,000 per animal.

### REPORT ALL POACHING

Call: 800-292-7800